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AN ACT

Prohibiting to Brew for Sale any

ALE or BEER

Above Ten shillings the BARREL,
besides the EXCIZE.



¶ It Enacted by this
present Parliament,
& by Authority there-
of, That no Brewer,
or other person that
breweth to put to sale,
shall after the First day
of October, One thou-
sand six hundred forty
nine, brew to sell di-
rectly or indirectly, any

Beer or Ale, or other Drink wherein Mault
shall be used, any Barrel of Beer, Ale, or other
Drink as aforesaid, or greater or lesser quantity

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proportionably, above the Rate of Ten Shillings
 the Barrel, over and above the Excise payable,
 according Thirty six Gallons to the Barrel
 for Beer, and Thirty two Gallons for Ale,
 Upon the pain and forfeiture for every Barrel
 the Sum of Five pounds, and so proportionably
 for a greater or lesser quantity, to be levied by
 Distress and sale of the Offenders Goods, be-
 ing thereof convicted by the Oathes of two
 witnesses, before any one Justice of the Peace;
 which Oath the said Justice hath hereby power
 to administer, and to grant warrant for Distress
 and sale of Goods as aforesaid; And in default
 of sufficient Distress, then the said Justice shall
 send such person to the Goal, there to remain
 for the space of three Moneths, without Bail
 or Mainprize: And if such person shall offend
 the second time, and be thereof convicted as
 aforesaid, Then such Justice of the Peace shall
 cause such Offender to be sent to the House of
 Correction, and there to get his or her lively-
 hood by labor for the space of six Moneths, with-
 out he or she shall pay down Ten pounds for
 every Barrel, or other greater or lesser quantity
 so brewed and sold (over and above the Price or
 Rate of Ten Shillings as aforesaid.) The one
 moiety of which several Fines the said Justice
 shall give to the Poor of the Parish where the
 Offence shall be committed, and the other moiety
 to the party that shall make discovery and pro-
 secute the same. And be it further Enacted by
 the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may
 be lawful for the said Justice, to examine upon
 Oath any Victualler, Seller or Retailer of Beer,
 Ale or Drink as aforesaid, or other person what-
 soever (other then the said Brewer himself) what
 price or prices, directly or indirectly, have been
 made,

made, or other indirect practice hath been used
with or by the said Brewer, or other person, to
evade this Act, and the good intended thereby,
to the end the said Brewer or other person may
be brought to condign punishment as aforesaid.
And be it further Enacted by the Authority a-
foresaid, That it shall and may be lawful for
any Brewer of Ale or Beer, to sell Ale or Beer
at Ten shillings the Barrel (over and above the
Excise) and so proportionably a greater or lesser
quantity, Any Law, Statute or Usage to the
contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Pro-
vided always, That this Act be in full force for
the space of one whole year, from and after the
first day of October, One thousand six hundred
forty nine, and no longer.

Die Mercurii, 12 Septembr. 1649.

Ordere*d* by the Parliament, That this Act
be forthwith printed and published.

Hen: Scobell, Cleric. Parliamenti.

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